



**PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST NOTTINGHAM,
SERVING THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St Teresa of Lisieux, Aspley. St Hugh of Lincoln, Bilborough
and St Thomas More, Wollaton.**

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Deacon: Rev Anthony Cordes

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 1st DECEMBER 2024

Our Catholic Community welcomes you to The Parish of All Saints, West Nottingham. It is lovely to have you with us as we gather together as one in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Parish Newsletter 10p

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OFFICE OPENING TIMES
Monday 9.00am until 2.00pm & Friday 9.00am until 2.00pm
Messages can be left on all the above numbers. If they are not answered immediately, we will respond as soon as possible. If you have an item of news for the Bulletin then please email the office by Thursday lunchtime at the latest.

Welcome to our Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil: St Thomas More 5.00pm & St Teresa 6.30pm. Sunday Morning: St Hugh 9.30am & St Teresa 11.00am
The live stream will continue each Sunday from 11.00am available via our Facebook page by going to the website www.stthomasmorewollaton.org.uk and clicking on the facebook link (blue square)

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
Please keep in your prayers those who are sick in our parish. Also please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Please let the office know of any parishioners you are aware of who would like to receive Holy Communion at home and arrangements will be made for a Minister to bring them Holy Communion and a visit by Canon Stanley can be arranged for confession.

To set up on-line payments please use the following Bank details:
All Saints, West Nottingham
Sort Code: 30:96:18 Account #: 01782817

Collections: St Hugh: 24/11 £161.94 +SO £152.15
St Thomas More: 24/11 £191.06 + SO £138.08
St Teresa: 24/11 £486.40 + SO £344.74

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After vigil Mass on a Saturday and Sunday or by appointment with the Priest

Psalter: Week 1. Weekday readings: Advent

ADVENT

Saturday 30th November: Vigil of 1st Sunday of Advent

And so we move into the Season of Advent. It is difficult I think you would agree to stop ourselves from bypassing this beautiful season. The overwhelming expectation of Christmas with all its commercial baggage often drags us forwards into looking at the calendar and panicking – only four weeks to Christmas and I've got nothing done! As a result, Advent becomes unhinged from its spiritual identity and takes on the image of a ticking clock, counting down the days until the 25th - the Advent Calendar has a lot to answer for! What then can we do to make sure we can enjoy the fruits of this Season in a way that honours the time we have? Allow me to suggest a few thoughts

5.00pm STM: Int: John Hughes & Hughes fam RIP
6.30pm ST: Int: Kathleen Collanah RIP

Sunday 1st December: 1st Sunday of Advent

Taking our cue from the Advent Calendar itself, let us try and reconstruct the days of Advent into opportunities to encounter anew the grace of the season by taking on this Advent, the notion of "pilgrimage" as a metaphor for understanding what is happening. Set yourself a small challenge for each week. Perhaps choosing to come to one of the weekdays masses or to come into St Teresa's at 3.00pm during the week for quite prayer. The idea of pilgrimage evokes a journey of exploration, of beginning something new and different, to refresh our spiritual torpor. Why not revisit each Sunday gospel of Advent at home during the week, and then talk about it with your family and see what comments come forth? It may just become a habit. The figure of John the Baptist is always worthy of further consideration. In a very special way, he typifies the spirit of Advent. He is the prophet who calls us to repent and change. He moves us forwards, pointing us towards the one who is to come, and as a result a moment of reconciliation beckons. Here is our chance to receive the grace of God's healing and renewal by coming to confession. Just some thoughts for us to ponder.

9.30am SH. Int: Ged Reynolds RIP
11.00am ST. Int: Valentino Tibbero RIP
(Mass of Thnkgiving Blessed Uzoizie)

Monday 2nd December : Advent Feria
9.30am ST. Int: Epifanio Cortes RIP
3.00pm ST : Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday 3rd December: St Francis Xavier
9.30am ST. Int: Patrick Kinsella RIP
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday 4th December: Advent Feria
9.30am SH: Service of Word & Communion
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday 5th December: Advent Feria
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday 6th December: Advent Feria
3.00pm ST: Divine Mercy Chaplet
7.30pm STM: Int: Vocations

Saturday 7th December: St Ambrose Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Advent
5.00pm STM: Int: Teresa Brunnock & Family RIP
6.30pm ST: Int: Patrick Kinsella RIP

Ultimately on the 17th December, the pre-octave of Christmas begins, and the Church turns her mind and ours to the story that is so familiar to us, but not perhaps to everyone. Can our pilgrimage find room where there is perhaps none. Can we make a space in our busy schedules to really seek to deepen our understanding of the incarnation? To explore its essential place in our lives as Christians and to feel God's presence in and around us? Let us pray that we can, and that by seeing this at work, others too may have their own thoughts stimulated to ask themselves what does all of this mean. This great Season of Advent, this pilgrimage of exploration, comes to its terminus in a home where love is born, and God is cradled in the arms of a mother. Not a bad place to arrive at wouldn't you say.

Sunday 8th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent
9.30am SH. Int: Suki Binjal...RIP
11.00am ST. Int: People of the Parish

Happy Advent Deacon Anthony

The Gospel of today's liturgy, the First Sunday of Advent, speaks to us about the Lord's coming at the end of time. Jesus announces bleak and distressing events, but precisely at this point He invites us not to be afraid. Why? Because everything will be okay? No, but because He will come. Jesus will return as He promised. This is what he says: "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Lk 21:28). It is nice to hear this encouraging Word: stand up straight and raise our heads because right during those moments when everything seems to be coming to an end, the Lord comes to save us. We await Him with joy, even in the midst of tribulations, during life's crises and the dramatic events of history. We await Him.

POPE FRANCIS ANGELUS from Angelus for 1st Sunday of Advent

ALL SAINTS PARISH OFFICE—ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY
We have a vacancy in our Parish for the position of administrator. The role is for 10 hours per week at £13.32 per hour to be worked 9am to 2pm on Mondays & Fridays, there will also be an occasional requirement to attend evening meetings. For further information please go to the Diocesan website www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers to download the job description and an application form or click on the QR code.
Closing date is 9am this **Monday 2nd December 2024.**

BAPTISM COURSE FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS AND PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS
Please complete the application form at the back of Church or contact the parish office.
The course will run on three Thursdays: the **28th November, the 5th December and the 12th December** at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Teresa's Aspley. You must attend on each Thursday. Please submit the completed form to the parish office by Monday 25th November at the latest.

EUCHARISITC MINISTERS

Our team of eucharistic ministers recently met and discussed how we can work together to fulfil our mission to bring the Blessed Sacrament to our sick and housebound. If you know a parishioner who is at home or in hospital and who would like to receive holy communion please make sure that you tell Fr. Victor, or one of the eucharistic ministers, or email allsaintsw@dioceseofnottingham.uk We plan to reintroduce the chalice at some Masses, on a trial basis, to see whether that would be welcomed by parishioners. Please let us know what you think. Please would all Eucharistic Ministers email the parish to confirm your phone number and email address for future communication and to confirm whether you have a current DBS check for parish work. This is important to make sure that we are complying with safeguarding regulations. Please pray for all of our eucharistic ministers who carry out this special service bringing Our Lord into the homes and hearts of parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

THE NEW LECTIONARY
As you know from this week, the 1st Sunday of Advent, we begin using the New Lectionary. As part of the liturgy our lectionaries will be blessed during Mass. We would like to express our deepest thanks to all those parishioners who so generously donated funds towards defraying the cost.

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS FAIR
Many thanks to all who came along to support this parish event, your generosity is deeply appreciated. The sale of raffle tickets in the weeks before the fair raised over £1,000 which is great. The total proceeds figure from the fair will be published next week. The funds raised are going towards our target for the enabling mission fund.

FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers Elaine Goodwin and Joan Stoddart who died last week
Elaine was a stalwart parishioner at St Teresa's for many years, **Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 10 December at 1.00pm at St Teresa's.** Please pray for Gordon and the family at this sad time.
Joan was a regular mass attender at St Thomas More supporting the parish in her loyalty and generosity. **Her Funeral Service will be on Thursday 12 December at 10.00am at St Thomas More.** Please remember her family in your prayers at this sad time. May they both rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

A NEW WEBSITE

Since we came together back in 2015 we have been using a rather cumbersome website host to provide our former parishes with information and news. We are now happy to let you know that very shortly we will be the proud owners of a new bespoke website under the name of AllSaints. This website will enable us to use our resource to benefit our outreach and mission programme much more effectively and fruitfully as we move forward together. We hope that you will notice the difference!

ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS
A small number of copies are available at the back of Church

**All Saints,
West Nottingham
Christmas Carol Service**
**FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
AT 7PM AT
ST TERESA OF LISIEUX**

*Please come along and enjoy this special occasion.
A traditional service of readings and carols.*

*This will be followed by refreshments in the hall.
All welcome.*

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER IN THE PARISH

This devotion the Divine Mercy prayer group has now started in the parish. It is open to everyone, this is a 15 minute prayer said at 3.00pm every weekday. Please if you are collecting your children from school, please do try and join us for this special devotion before school finishes.. Please speak with Canon Stanley or Fr Victor if you would like to join this special devotion.

HANDY MAN REQUIRED

Could someone kindly help out at St Hugh's as they require a couple of key safes to be attached to the Church. Please contact Deacon Anthony or Doreen if you are able to help.

JUBILEE 2025 COMPANION BOOKLET

Bishop Patrick believes this booklet will be an asset to help us celebrate the Jubilee Year. These are available free of charge from the back of Church .

100 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you pay your subscription yearly by cash/cheque this is now due for the coming year please. We have some free numbers if anyone would like to join. Please consider joining this fundraising initiative as this raises much needed revenue for the church. This year we would like to decorate and replace the chairs in St Teresa's hall and some of the money could go towards this. Thank you for your support

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THE WELCOME TABLE: Friday at St Thomas More at 12.30pm until 2.00pm and at St Teresa's at 11.30am until 1.00pm.